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Board of Directors

RE: Docket RM2017-3

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Dear Commissioners,

Executive Director

Jenna Taylor

We join the nonprofit mailing community in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postal rates. Increases that may range from 28% to 40% or more over the next five years are outrageous and will dramatically impact the good and vital work of the nonprofit sector.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising and keeping our supporters connected with the missional work. We operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year, so if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

These rate increases mean that we will not be able to find foster and adoptive families to care for child victims of abuse and neglect. More children will be placed in institutional care and this has enormous impact for these children and our society as whole. Children without families create a tremendous economic burden...as much as \$300,000 per child over the course of their lifetime.

As a faith-based mission that focuses on finding and equipping foster and adoptive families to care for child victims of abuse and neglect, we urge you reconsider this action.

We believe these are increases that won't do much to reform the postal system but will have a major and negative effect on nonprofit mailers.

Please do the right thing for the good of the nonprofit sector, and in turn the good of our country and citizens. Please reconsider your proposal.

Sincerely,

Mary Bryan

Cofounder

Mission Advancement Director

Child Bridge finds and equips foster and adoptive families for Montana children who've suffered abuse and neglect. We are a nonprofit, tax exempt, 501 (c) (3) Public Charity. Your donations are tax deductible.

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